Smuggling and spurious manufacture of Scotch in India

2078. SHRI VIREN P. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Pioneer, New Delhi of 29th January 1994 under the caption, 63 per cent scotch sold in India is fake;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that about 5,00,000 to 15,00,000 cases of Scotch, spurious, illegal and smuggled were consumed in India during the year 1991-92; as mentioned in the above report;

(d) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(e) what steps were taken by Government to check the smuggling and spurious manufacture of Scotch in the country;

(f) what is the total revenue loss suffered by Government on this account; and

(g) whether it is a fact that a large number of spurious Indian whisky is also sold and consumed in the country; if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the revenue loss suffered by Government on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of a Audit and Vigilance Commission for Banks

2079. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of outstanding debts of the nationalised banks, as on 31st December, 1993;

(b) how much of this amount is due from the corporate sector:

(c) whether the bank employees union have urged Government to set up an independent audit and vigilance commission to look into the banking irregularities:

(d) whether the nationalised banks propose to have new law to recover the debts through revenue recovery proceedings; and

(e) if so, what are the steps taken to help the banks to recover the debts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The total amount of outstanding advances and overdues for all sectors in respect of Nationalised Bank as at the end of March, 1993 (Latest available) and also the share of large and medium industries in the same is given below:——

(Rs. in crores)

Sectors	Amount outstandng	Amount overdues
Total of all sectors	73134	15193
Large & Medium Industries	22929	4233

(c) *Yes, Sir.*

(d) and (e) Various guidelines have been issued by the Reserve Bank of India to the banks to minimise the amount of overdues and also to improve their recovery performance in respect of their advances to various sectors. The **recovery of Debts to Banks and Financial** Institution Act, 1993 has been enacted for expeditious adjudication and recovery of debts due to banks and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto

In addition to above, in the Memorandum of Understanding signed recently by the Nationalised Banks with the Reserve Bank of India, the recovery of non-peraforming assets by constituting a 'Recovery Cell' has been agreed to. The Cell is to be constituted at the Head Office which shall be under the charge of one of the General Managers. Branch-wise targets shall be fixed for recovery and reduction in non-performing assets and performance of different branches in recovery shall be monitored at Head Office Level at periodic intervals by the Chief Executive.

जाली इंदिरा विकास-पत्र

2080. **श्री एस० माधवन :** क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मद्रास और आन्ध्र प्रदेश के मदनपल्ली में जाली इन्दिरा विकास पत्रों का पता चला है ;

(ख) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) देश मे ऐसे जाली इन्दिरा विकास पत्रों की बिक्री को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) अन्ना रोड मुख्य डाकघर में 1000 रुपए मूल्य वर्ग के 60 जाली इन्दिरा विकास पत्रों का पता चला था । चूंकि पत्रों को नकली पाया गया था इसलिए उन्हें डाकघर में रोक रखा गया था । इसी प्रकार, आन्ध्र प्रदेश में मदनपल्ली में 1000 रुपए वर्ग के 220 नकली इन्दिरा विकास पत्र जब्त किए गए थे ।

(ग) मद्रास में मामले की सूचना पुलिस को दे दी गई है। आन्ध्र प्रदेश में दो व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया है और आन्ध्र प्रदेश पुलिस द्वारा एक कपड़े की दुकान सील कर दी गयी है । डाकघरों को सजग रहने और अगर उनकी जानकारी में ऐसे मामले आते हैं तो उनकी सूचना पुलिस को देने के अनुदेश जारी किए गये हैं ।

Foreign Exchange Earned by Hotel Industry

2081. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial sum of money is earned in foreign exchange by the hotel industry in India; if so, what are the names of 20 hotels with top earnings in foreign exchange, with the amount earned by each during 1991-92 and 1992.93;

(b) whether Government allows special foreign exchange for these hotels to import equipment and products for the special use of their patrons; if so, what is the nature of broad guidelines in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are considering free import of goods by these hotels up to the extent of foreign exchange earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Restructuring the Management Board of Nationalised Banks

2082. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Finance has decided to restructure the top management boards of nationalised balks; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?